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#### REPRESENTATIVES SOUGHT FOR OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Salt Lake -- Utah State Parks and Recreation is currently seeking four representatives to serve on the Utah Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Advisory Council. Representatives are needed to represent the interests of four-wheel drive users; off-highway vehicle dealers; OHV safety and education; and youth OHV riders. Applications will be accepted through Friday, December 26, 2008.

"The Utah OHV Advisory Council provides recommendations to Utah State Parks and the Board of Utah State Parks on matters related to Utah's OHV programs, including reviewing requests for matching fiscal assistance for trails, trailheads and other projects," said Fred Hayes, OHV program coordinator with Utah State Parks.

The 11-member council consists of individuals representing the interests of OHV safety, four-wheel drive vehicles, off-highway motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, OHV dealers, OHV users at-large, and federal and state agencies, including the USDA Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and School and Institutional Trust Land Administration.

Since 1971, the advisory council has been instrumental in passing legislation requiring young riders to be certified through the Division's Know Before You GO! OHV education program. The council remains an active force dedicated to OHV enthusiasts and their needs.

Council members generally meet in the Provo/Salt Lake City area on a quarterly basis to discuss current issues and make recommendations. The number and timing of meetings is dependent on current OHV issues. Meetings generally last approximately three hours.

For more information or to apply for an OHV Advisory Council position, please contact OHV Program Coordinator Fred Hayes at (801) 538-7435 or by email at [fredhayes@utah.gov](mailto:fredhayes@utah.gov)

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#### UTAHNS RECEIVE NATIONAL TRAILS AWARDS

Salt Lake - Utah State Parks Trails Coordinator John Knudson, and Utah residents and trail advocates Sandy and Geoff Freethey were recognized for their dedication to Utah's trails at the 19th Annual National Trails Symposium in Little Rock, Arkansas last month.

Knudson received the 2008 State Trail Worker Award for his outstanding contributions and consistent support for trail planning, development, and maintenance of Utah's trails. He was specifically recognized for his work with the City of Moab, Grand County, and the Bureau of Land Management for recent trail projects. He was commended for his ability to maximize limited resources for Utah trails and for working with state park managers to improve trail networks.

Sandy and Geoff Freethey were awarded the 2008 State Trail Advocacy Award for their efforts for public policy supporting trail recreation, planning, protection, development, and maintenance of Utah's trails. The Freetheys serve as chairperson and hiking representative on the Trail Mix trails group. They were instrumental in getting approval of the Master Trail Plan for Grand County and have donated hundreds of volunteer hours to develop and improve trails near Moab.

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## UTAH STATE PARKS BOATING SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

Salt Lake - Be aware of carbon monoxide dangers while boating on Utah's waters. Carbon monoxide is a potentially deadly gas produced anytime a carbon-based fuel, such as gasoline, propane, charcoal or oil, burns. Carbon monoxide is colorless, odorless, and tasteless and mixes evenly in the air we breath. It enters the bloodstream through the lungs and displaces the oxygen your body needs. Do not confuse carbon monoxide poisoning with seasickness, intoxication or heat stress.

If someone on board complains of irritated eyes, headache, nausea, weakness, or dizziness, immediately move the person to fresh air and seek medical attention if necessary.

Sources of carbon monoxide on boats include gasoline engines, generators, cooking ranges, and space and water heaters. Cold and poorly tuned engines produce more carbon monoxide than warm, properly tuned engines. Boat exhaust leaks are the leading cause of death by carbon monoxide. These leaks can migrate throughout the boat and into enclosed areas. Regular maintenance and proper boat operation can reduce the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Other areas of concern include being on or swimming near the rear decks of houseboats with the generator or engines running. Areas on or near a boat's swim platform are also dangerous. Teak surfing, dragging, or being towed within 20 feet of the rear of a slow moving boat is not only dangerous, but illegal. Research indicates that high concentrations of carbon monoxide can easily be found within 10 feet immediately behind a slow moving boat.

Slow speeds or idling in the water can cause carbon monoxide gas to accumulate in the cabin, cockpit, bridge, and aft deck even in an open area. Boat operators should provide adequate ventilation, especially when a bimini top is used to keep passengers warm.

For additional safe boating tips or to learn how to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning visit [stateparks.utah.gov](http://stateparks.utah.gov) or call (801)538-BOAT. Wear it Utah!

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## STATE PARK OF THE WEEK: CAMP FLOYD- STAGECOACH INN STATE PARK AND MUSEUM

Fairfield -- Camp Floyd / Stagecoach Inn State Park Museum is Utah's link with the Civil War. The quiet streets of Fairfield hold the secrets of 3,500 troops, nearly one-third of the entire U.S. Army at that time, which were brought to Camp Floyd to suppress the rumored rebellion in Utah. With no rebellion taking place, the troops were recalled in 1861 with the outbreak of the Civil War.

Constructed in 1858 by the soldiers of Johnston's Army, the Commissary Building served as a store of military equipment and provisions. It was sold to the Beardshall Family at auction in 1861, when the army was recalled for the Civil War. The building was relocated to its current site where it was used as the family's home in Fairfield. All other camp buildings were sold, dismantled or destroyed. Today, the Commissary Building serves as the Camp Floyd museum.

Across the street from the Camp Floyd Commissary is the fine Stagecoach Inn, a two-story adobe and frame hotel built by John Carson in 1858. Stagecoach Inn was the first stop south of Salt Lake City on the Overland Stage Route and also a stop on the Historic Pony Express Route. Because of its proximity to old Camp Floyd, the clientele naturally included large numbers of armed personnel. It was one of the few respectable establishments in this frontier town. Seventeen saloons and other entertainment locations catered to the needs of a military population. The inn was restored from shambles in June 1959. It contains furnishings of the period, indicating the hospitality of the inn - not elegant, but comfortable.

The Fairfield District School was constructed in 1898 with federal funds received when Utah became a state in 1896. The building was designed by architect Richard Watkins, who also designed Peteetneet Elementary School in Payson and Maeser Elementary in Provo. It is notable for the two-color brick masonry. The building closed in 1937 when students were bused to Lehi. The Fairfield District Schoolhouse is fully restored and available for school groups to enjoy an authentic one-room schoolhouse experience.

Picnic and day-use facilities are available. Pack a lunch and enjoy Utah's connection with the Civil War and Pony Express. For more information, visit [stateparks.utah.gov](http://stateparks.utah.gov) or call (801) 768-8932.

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## UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

December 18                      Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum - Blanding  
Journeys and Destinations: Join Anna Day, physician's assistant at the Monument Valley Clinic, as she shares her stories of exploring the treasures of San Juan County and traveling to remote locations of the planet. She discusses her recent journey to Nepal and shares her memories through her photographic impressions. This program is free and begins at 7 p.m. (435) 678-2238

December 20                      Rock Cliff Nature Center / Jordanelle State Park - Francis  
Birding on Snowshoes: Join the park naturalist from 9 a.m. to noon for a class on basic bird identification. No birding experience is necessary. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them, and dress appropriately. Snowshoes are available if needed. Cost is \$7 per vehicle with up to eight people. (435) 782-3030 or (435) 649-9540

December 20                      Snow Canyon State Park - Ivins  
Rockin' Utah: Make Your Own Rock Art! Join the park naturalist from noon to 1:30 p.m. to explore a small rock art site, learn who created it, and discuss possible meanings. Then create your own rock art to take home. This activity is designed for children ages five to 12, but everyone is welcome. (435) 628-2255

December 20                      Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway  
Basic Bird Identification: Do you enjoy birds but don't know how to identify them in the field? Join the park naturalist from 9 a.m. to noon at the visitor center for this fun and educational class. No birding experience is necessary. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them, and dress to be outside for part of the time. (435) 654-1791

December 22                      Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum - Blanding  
First Day of Winter Hike: Enjoy the quiet secrets of the winter season on a hike to Holly Ruin at Hovenweep National Monument. Rock art at Holly Ruin may have been used to mark seasonal activities. Join the museum archeologist and curator at 9 a.m. Free to the public, but space is limited. (435) 678-2238

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